

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

August 19, 2014

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Behl at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Ed Nelson, Darrell Pollesch, Gerald Adelmeyer and Annette Thompson

Also present: Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Department Head, Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator, Bonnie Borden, Dairy & Livestock Youth Educator and Amanda Hilliard, Nutrition Educator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Thompson to approve minutes for July 15, 2014 meeting, July 16, 2014 special meeting for 4-H Youth Development Agent Interviews and July 17, 2014 special meeting for AG Agent, Crops and Soils Emphasis Interviews. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Pollesch, seconded by Nelson to approve the regular meeting per diems. Also approved were Per Diems for July 16, 2014 and July 17, 2014 special meetings for interviews.

REVIEW OF BILLS Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for July 2014.
- b. Discussion and consideration for Pattie Carroll to attend NEAFCS Conference in Lexington, KY September 15-19, 2014.
 1. Pattie Carroll explained the details/background regarding the above meeting. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Thompson to approve Pattie Carroll going to KY.
- c. Discussion and consideration of Dodge County Conservation Aids Grant.
 1. Jeff Hoffman explained details of the Grant. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Pollesch, to approve the Dodge County Conservation Aids Grant Resolution and signed.
- d. Discussion and consideration of Resolution Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development.
 1. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nelson, to approve the Resolution Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development.
- e. Discussion and consideration for the September 2014 Clean Sweep program.
 1. Jeff Hoffman gave details regarding the 2014 Clean Sweep – dates and locations are September 5, 2014 (Juneau & Mayville) and September 6, 2014 (Beaver Dam). Borden & Carroll are volunteering for Beaver Dam. Pollesch & Behl will also volunteer as needed at different locations.
- f. Discussion and consideration of the AG Agent, crops and soils emphasis position hiring.
 1. Behl reported that the candidate turned position down. The Committee had a discussion

about the difficulties of re-hiring this position. Adelmeyer shared that he discussed the need for refilling the Ag Agent position with a county Ag Teacher. Adelmeyer commented that his discussion convinced him that local Ag producer need an Ag Agent with a crops and soils expertise and that he is firmly committed to refilling the position. There was a discussion about holding a visioning session before re-posting this position. Hoffman will solicit the Ag Program Area and Regional Director's assistance in conducting the session sometime in October. The Committee discussed how a visioning session would help identify what the local Ag producers need. Hoffman commented that the information from the visioning session may result in updates to the current position description. Hoffman asked for the Committee's help with getting a list of names of individuals that they believe should be included in the visioning session so we can get invitation letters sent out.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Hoffman: Hoffman shared that he is working on the 2015 budget. He has created worksheets and a powerpoint presentation to help the staff understand Dodge County's budget. He felt the newer staff who are responsible for program funds need additional assistance as it is there first experience with this budget. Hoffman shared that he is working with Human Services and Health, Land Conservation, and Public Health on developing a public well water testing program.

Carroll: Carroll reported that she partnered with Bonnie Borden to offer a professional development workshop for childcare providers of Dodge County. She also reported that the next professional development super Saturday for child care professionals was scheduled in early October. Carroll reported that she offered a financial literacy workshop in partnership with ADRC and the Beaver Dam Senior Center. Carroll discussed the eParenting initiative and the impact report will be published and distributed soon.

Borden: Borden reported that the Ag Day Escape field trip visited UWMadison campus with 45 participants. Much interest was expressed by youth in the many ag career possibilities after listening to guides leading us through the livestock research lab, poultry lab, cattle research center, Babcock Hall tour, entomology department, and horticulture presentation. She reported that 50 child care providers attended the Project Learning Tree-Early Childhood Workshop offered by Pattie Carroll and Borden. The educational trifold ag skillathon boards made their way to Farm Technology Days to be used by the "Helping Youth Understand Issues in Agriculture Work Team" for the three days after being used by Borden at 4-H Day at state fair to help children increase their ag literacy by matching items on the boards. Borden invited the committee to attend the three carcass shows coming up during the week at Country Meat Cutters, Cedar Road Meats, and Brandon Meats where youth will hear from judges what quality of meat is found in their show animals from fair.

Hilliard: Hilliard discussed a recent partnership formed between Second Harvest of Wisconsin and Dodge/Columbia WNEP. The partnership consists of WNEP providing nutrition education to Second Harvest mobile pantry clients while they wait in line. Hilliard stated Second Harvest mobile pantries are held once per month at each site and participants generally begin waiting in line at least 1-2 hours before food is distributed. WNEP will provide nutrition education on a monthly basis to the Beaver Dam, Pardeeville and Portage Second Harvest mobile pantry sites during the period participants are waiting in line. Hilliard mentioned the mobile pantry sites serve a large number of limited income families, seniors and people with disabilities with 200 or more participants at each site. Hilliard had success at the first


mobile pantry held in Beaver Dam on Aug 9th. Many families/participants stated they enjoyed receiving nutrition education lessons while they waited in line. The participants also received food samples and recipes as an idea of how to make nutritious food using the food participants receive from the mobile pantry. Second Harvest was generous in donating a large quantity of food to enable WNEP in keeping food cost for samples at a minimum. Many mobile pantry participants stated they would like to see more nutrition education mini-lessons and healthy recipe ideas while they wait in line at future mobile pantries. Dodge/Columbia WNEP plans to continue the partnership with Second Harvest of Wisconsin.

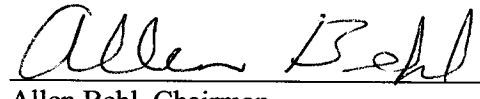
COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, September 16, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was motioned by Nelson and seconded by Thompson to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman